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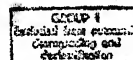
B. [REDACTED]

1. PROJ HQ AGREES THAT [REDACTED] MISSIONS COULD BE ~~WELL~~  
<sup>LY</sup> PRODUCTIVE ~~IF~~ FLOWN IN CONJUNCTION WITH [REDACTED] MISSIONS, BUT  
 BELIEVES THE POSSIBLE ADVANTAGES TO BE DERIVED SHOULD BE CAREFULLY  
 WEIGHED AGAINST THE INCREASED THREAT TO SAFETY OF THE [REDACTED]  
 AIRCRAFT.

2. WE ARE PRESENTLY PLANNING [REDACTED] MISSIONS TO STAND OFF FROM  
 CHINA MAINLAND, 35-40 NAUTICAL MILES. SINCE THIS IS SOMEWHAT UNIQUE  
 IN THE TACKLE OPERATION, IT UNDOUBTEDLY WILL CAUSE CHICOM SPECULATION  
 AS TO REASON AND PROBABLY WILL GENERATE HOSTILE REACTION IN FORM OF  
 FIGHTER LAUNCH FOR AT LEAST THE FIRST THREE OR FOUR [REDACTED] MISSIONS.  
 THIS WOULD TEND TO REMOVE, TO SOME DEGREE, THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE  
 NOW PRESENT IN [REDACTED] MISSIONS. SLOW SPEED OF TACKLE AIRCRAFT  
 AND NECESSITY FOR PLACING TACKLE AIRCRAFT IN OPTIMUM POSITION FOR

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RECEPTION WOULD <sup>ALSO</sup> PROVIDE CHICOMS INCREASED REACTION TIME IF  
THEY EXPECTED MISSIONS AT SAME TIME AS MISSION.

3. WE THEREFORE ARE ~~SCHEMATIC~~ RELUCTANT TO TAKE CHANCE OF  
JEOPARDIZING SAFETY OF AIRCRAFT FOR AN UNKNOWN DEGREE OF  
INCREASED EFFECTIVENESS, BUT ARE AGREEABLE TO CONSIDERING  
JOINT MISSION IF STILL BELIEVES IT A <sup>DESIRED</sup> ~~PROPER~~  
COURSE OF ACTION.

4. IF SUCH A MISSION WERE TO BE FLOWN, RECOMMEND THAT IT BE ON  
A ONE TIME ONLY BASIS AND AFTER SEVERAL MISSIONS HAVE BEEN  
FLOWN. THIS WILL PERMIT AN ASSESSMENT OF THE EXTENT OF CHICOM  
FIGHTER REACTION TO MISSION AND AN ESTIMATE OF THE RESULTING  
INCREASED THREAT TO THE MISSION.

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